around twenty five crores without interest as working capital which is due to public; and

(g) what steps his department have taken to save the consumer from being charged high prices by providing the essential medicines at fair prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The price of Betamethason and its salts were notified under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 on 12th May, 1981. Before any change in the formulation prices could be effected, the company obtained a Stay from the Delhi High Court.

(b) Stay against the notified prices of Betamenthasone and its salts and proposed changes in the prices of formulations was granted by the Delhi High Court on 1st July, 1981.

(c) The company have inter-alia challenged the reduction in prices of Betamethasone and its salts and the proposed reduction in prices of formulations in the Writ Petition. The matter is yet to come up for final hearing.

(d) My Ministry is constantly making efforts to have the final hearing of this case expedited in the High Court.

(e) It is the prerogative of the High Court to list the matter for hearing at any time it desires.

(f) and (g) M/s. Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited have shown Drugs Prices Equalisation Account Liability of Rs. 2105.99 lakhs upto 30th June, 1985 under the head 'Current Liabilities' in their Annual Report for that year. The purpose for which the amount has been utilised or is being utilised is not known. As the matter is subjudice, no action can be taken to enforce the price of Betamethasone and formulations by th Government at this stage.

Working capital of M/s. Glaxo

990. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total cost of sale of Glaxo Laboratories during the last three years;

(b) what is the actual working capital obtained by the company from banking institutions during this period.

(c) whether it is a fact that large amounts shown as current liabilities to Drugs Equalisation Account has been unauthorisedly diverted by the company and used as working capital;

(d) what is the extent of bank interest which the company has saved by using the DPEA liability as working capital; and

(e) what is the total amount due under DPEA at present and what efforts have been made to recover this amount which runs into several crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Import of technology and heavy machinery

991. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ): Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that consequent on liberalisation of import policy, various electricity boards and undertakings are importing technology and heavy machinery for power generation;

(b) if so, whether as a result of this trend the order-list for power generating equipment with the Bharat

Heavy Electricals Limited has been shrinking considerably;

(c) what is the present volume of orders with the BHEL and what percentage of the capacity can be utilised in complying with these orders during the current year and whether it will compare with the percentage capacity of production during the past two years; and

(d) what is Government's reaction to this reduction in order-list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Based on firm orders received as on 31-3-86 the capacity utilisation of BHEL for the Seventh Plan period would be 59 per cent for thermal and 32 per cent for hydro sets. Constraint of resources for the setting up of new power plants is the principal cause of the low order book position. However, for 1986-87, the capacity utilisation for manufacture of thermal sets is estimated at 80 per cent and for hydro sets at 33 per cent; these figures compare well with the capacity utilisation during the past two years.

It is Government's policy to ensure maximum utilisation of the indigenous capacity. Import is resorted to only selectively and on merits, depending on the totality of circumstances.

Setting up New Refinery in Assam

992. SHRI VIJAYA MOHANA REDDY:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for setting up of a new refinery in Assam has been finalised so far as per the terms of the Assam accord;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The proposal to set up a refinery in Assam as part of the Assam Accord is still under the consideration of the Government.

Indian Standard Time

993. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to advance the Indian Standard time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be effected and what are the advantages likely to be derived as a result of that change?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A suggestion has been received to consider the advancement of clock in summer based on the possible savings in commercial energy. The suggestion is being examined.

Setting assets of Union Carbide

994. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which published in the Times of India dated March 26, 1986 captioned "Carbides" 'scorched-earch' Policy" stating that the Union Carbide was selling, converting, or otherwise dispers-